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SUBJECT: LETTER OF CONDOLENCE RECEIVED FROM KUWAIT DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE TO SECRETARY RUMSFELD

1. Embassy Kuwait received a condolence letter for Secretary Rumsfeld from Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. Post has forwarded original letter, (in Arabic), to NEA/ARPI.

2. English translation of letter follows: Begin Text. In my name and on behalf of all military and civilian individuals affiliated to the Ministry of Defense, I submit our deepest condolences to you and to the friendly American people, for the loss and devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. We assure you of our stance next to the USA in overcoming this disaster, and in exploiting all our potential to be at your service. May God rest these souls and give quick recovery for all the injured people. End Text

3. Ambassador has responded by letter to Sheikh Jaber thanking him for his letter and informing him that the original letter has been forwarded to Secretary Rumsfeld.
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